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ISSUES REGULATIONS FOR RECRGANIZATION OF REGIONAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENTS

These regulations are applicable to the regional military and political councils, and were adopted 16 December 1949, at the 11th Administrative Session of the Administration Council of the Central People's Government Council.

Article 1

The Aegional People's Government Council (Jen-min cheng-Tu wei-yuar-hui) of each large administrative region (ta hsing cheng chu) shall make a draft of the regulations for the organization of the regional government in accord with the provisions of these regulations and in the light of local conditions, and submit them to the Administration Council for /provisional/approval. After the provisional regulations have been given a trial for a suitable period, they should be submitted again, with proposed amendments, to the Administration Council for /finel/approval. During the period immediately following liberation, a /regional/ Military and Political Council (chun cheng wei-yuan-hui) shall be formed to enforce military control and establish the revolutionary order. The form of organization, functions, and powers of such commissions shall be consonant with these regulations.

Article 2

The Regional Military and Political Council shall be appointed by the Central Feople's Government Council upon the request of the Administration Council. When conditions permit, a conference of all-circles delegates shall be convened to exercise the functions and powers of the Regional People's Government Council, and to bring into being the Regional People's Government Council.

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If and when military operations have been terminated, land reform has been thoroughly accomplished, and the people of all classes have a fully organized administration in their region, then a general election should be held and an Assembly of People's Delegates should be convened for the purpose of formally electing the Regional People's Government Council. After the formation of this Regional People's Government Council has been consummated, the Regional Military and Political Council shall go out of existence.

Article 3

The Regional People's Government Council is an organ of local government one grade higher than the provinces (and municipalities) under its coutrol, and is the agency through which the Administration Council of the Central People's Government Council operates for the guidance of the work of local government.

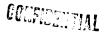
Article 4

The Regional People's Government Council shall exercise the following functions and authority:

- 1. Transmit to the provinces and municipalities under its control the resolutions and orders of the Administration Council; issue decisions and orders within the scope of its own authority; and inspect the execution, thereof.
- 2. Formulate, for provisional enforcement, orders pertaining to local government affairs and report same to the Administration Council for approval and record.
- 3. Initiate requests for the appointment or dismissal of the following classes of officials, for action or approval by the Administration Council, or for transmission by the Administration Council to the Central People's Government Louncil for approval:
- e. All officials of regional governments, with the exception of the chairman, vice-chairmen and members of the council, as prescribed in Article 1, Sections 2 and 3, of the provisional regulations of the Administration Council of the Central People's Government now in effect.
- >>. All officials prescribed in Article 2, Section 3, of the provisional regulatious mentioned in the preceding paragraph.
- 4. Appoint and dismiss, or approve the appointment or dismissal of, all important executive officers, other than those specified in Paragraph 3 above, for the provinces and municipalities under its control.
- 5. Prepare and submit to the central authorities for approval the initial draft and revised form of the annual budget for the regional government, in conformity with the provisions of the national budget; examine and approve the budgets of the provinces and municipalities under its control, and transmit the approved budgets to the central authorities for acceptance.
- Unite, coordinate, and guide the organization and operations of the several commissions, departments, bureaus, and other offices of all grades under its control.
- Lirect the operations of the people's governments of all the provinces, municipalities, hsiens, and local districts under its control.

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Article 5

The relationships of each Regional People's Government Council to the work of its superior and subordinate organs are prescribed as follows:

- 1. Each Regional People's Government Council should report to the Administration Council on all important developments in the region for which it is responsible. Concerning matters which have a national bearing, the regional government should communicate in advance with the administration Council for instructions, and afterward report on outcomes.
- 2. All general orders and announcements to the country as a whole, or instructions to a particular province or district issued by the Central People's Government Council or by the Administration Council, shall be transmitted by the Regional People's Government to the various provinces, municipalities, and hsiens under its control. Petitions and requests for instructions prepared by provinces, municipalities, or hsiens and intended for the central government shall be transmitted by the regional government.
- 3. In case of inquiries and replies on special problems, the Central People's Government and a province or municipality may have direct communication with each other, but in such cases, copies of the communications shall be supplied to the Regional People's Government for their information.
- 4. The subsidiary units of the Central People's Government, within the scope of predetermined policies and plans, and with respect to operational matters or technical guidance, may have writter communication with the Regional People's Government Council or its subsidiary units; and the Regional People's Government Council or its subsidiary units, within the same limits as above, may petition or request instructions from a subsidiary unit of the central government; but copies of all such communications, though not of general concern to all the units shall be supplied to the Regional People's Government Council.

At licle 6

A Regional People's Government Council shall be composed of a chairman, several vice-chairmen and a number of councilors. The chairman shall preside at the deliberations of the councilors and direct the work of the Regional People's Government Council. The vice-chairmen shall assist the chairman in the execution of his duties.

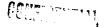
Article 7

The Regional People's Government Councils should establish such subsidiary organs of government as are required for the discharge of their functions. It has been decided, in principle, that there shall consist of the following:

- 1. With respect to executive and judicial masters, there should be a Department of Civil Affairs, a Department of Fublic Security and a Department of Justice. Where there are many matters pertaining to people of diverse nationalities or races, a Nationalities Affairs Commission may be created, either as an independent commission, or under the Department of Civil Affairs.
- 2. With respect to financial and economic affairs, there should be a Finance and Economics Commission, and departments and bureaus to deal with fiscal administration, industry, trade, communications, agriculture and forestry, water conservancy, cooperatives, and labor.

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- 3. As for posts and telegraphs, railroads, aviation, banks, customs, and other enterprises which are reserved for operation by the Central People's Government, will manage them directly, with the guidance of the Regional People's Governments which are immediately concerned.
- 4. On the cultural side, a Culture and Education Commission may be formed, and either Departments, bureaus or subsidiary offices of culture and education, health, and news and publications established under it. In regions where no Commission of Culture and Education is formed, departments and/or bureaus of culture and education, health, and news and publications should be set up.
- 5. National educational i stitutions, hospitals, libraries, museums, and other cultural enterprises which can best be handled nationally, shall all be managed directly by the Central People's Government, with the guidance of the Regional People's Governments which are immediately concerned.
- 6. Each Regional People's Government should establish a People's Commission for Supervision and Investigation.

Article 8

Each Regional Government shall have a military organization constituted as ordered by the Feople's Revolution Military Affairs Council, and functioning under the leadership of the People's Revolution Military Affairs Council with the guidance of the Regional People's Government.

Article 9

There shall be established in the territory of each Regional People's Government a branch of the Supreme People's Court, and a branch of the Supreme People's Prosecutor's Office.

Article 10

Each Regional People's Government shall have one secretary-general, and several deputy secretaries-general, to be nominated by the chairman of the Regional Covernment for appointment by the central authorities. The secretary-general shall receive his orders from the chairman and be responsible for the transaction of routine business. The deputy secretaries-general shall assist the secretary-general in the discharge of his duties.

Article 11

Each regional People's Covernment Council shall establish administrative offices whose functions shall be under the direction of the secretary-general.

Article 12

The subsidiary agencies established by a Regional People's Government Council shall have the following officers: each commission shall have a chairman, each department shall have a chief (pu-chang), each committee shall have a chairman (chu-jen), each orrace (ch'u) shall have a chief (ch'u-chang) and each division (shih) shall have a chief (shih-chang).

Under each bureau, office, and division there may be groups (tsu) and sections (k'o), each with a chief. In the case of each chairman, director, or chief mentioned above, there shall be a vice officer or deputy chief. Under the groups and sections, cher workers may be assigned to various duties as required.

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Article 13

The Regional People's Government Council shall hold deliberative sessions once every 3 months when full attendance is expected. These sessions shall be convened by the chairman. He may advance or postpone the date of meeting according to the needs of the situation, or upon the request of more than one third of the councilors. The attendance of more than one half the number of councilors is required for the holding of a meeting. An affirmative vote of more than one half of the number of councilors present at a meeting is required for the adoption of a resolution.

Article 14

The Regional People's Government shall hold executive conferences, convened by the chairman of the Regional Government, once each week, to be attended by the chairman, deputy chairmen, secretary-general, and the heads or chiefs of the various agencies of the government, as well as other individuals whose presence may be required for special reasons.

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